

into the students schedule. The proposal was defeated by the board with a vote of 3-2 and the school calendar will remain as is.

The proposed change to the new fee schedule was presented to the board by Superintendent Gawrys. When the fee schedule was initially brought before the board for approval, it was assumed by members that other than the fee for student education, the other fees had remained the same as last year. On closer review, it was determined that this was incorrect. This year a \$15 class change fee was added and a \$25 late registration fee was added. These fees were added to encourage students to leave their schedules the way that they are to

assembly area by the National Guard was approved by the board.

The board approved the disposal of five of the old single bus garages that are no longer in use. The garages that are found in Brush Creek, Dry Fork, Hayden and Pelican Lake will be deeded to the landowners where the garages reside. The Bonanza Garage is to be bid out for removal from the American Gilsonite property.

A surplus auction for several items that are no longer used by the school district was approved for the date of Sept. 26.

The board approved the replacement

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# Life terms for abuse of children

Mark Alan Hudspeth, 37, of Vernal was sentenced by 8th District Court Judge A. Lynn Payne to six consecutive life terms for sexual abuse of a child.

Judge Payne delayed a decision on prosecutor Ken Wallentine's request to impose an additional 90-year mandatory term. Wallentine asked for the additional sentence based on a rarely-used statute for repeat sex offenders. Hudspeth was convicted earlier this year of molesting six local children.

In an emotional 2-hour hearing, three mothers and one grandmother joined two young children in

addressing the judge and asking that Hudspeth never be allowed to abuse another child. Chief Deputy County Attorney Wallentine then addressed the judge and reminded him of Hudspeth's five prior felony sex crime convictions. Wallentine stated that treatment does not work for serious sex offenders. "Hudspeth proved that by sexually abusing these little children while in the state's finest outpatient treatment program."

Hudspeth claimed to be mentally ill, and had been evaluated by the staff of the Utah State Hospital. Wallentine quoted from two of the

psychologists' reports, noting that Hudspeth had minimized his responsibility and that he did not acknowledge the devious coercion used on the children. After several weeks of evaluation, the state hospital staff concluded that Hudspeth is not mentally ill.

Wallentine told Judge Payne that Hudspeth has abused many, many children who will never be heard. "By his own admission, he committed to over a hundred acts of abuse before abusing the children presented today," Wallentine

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# Crown lays claim to asphalt deposit

Crown Asphalt Corporation has served notice to assume all operations on lands currently used by Uintah County to mine road asphalt on Asphalt Ridge.

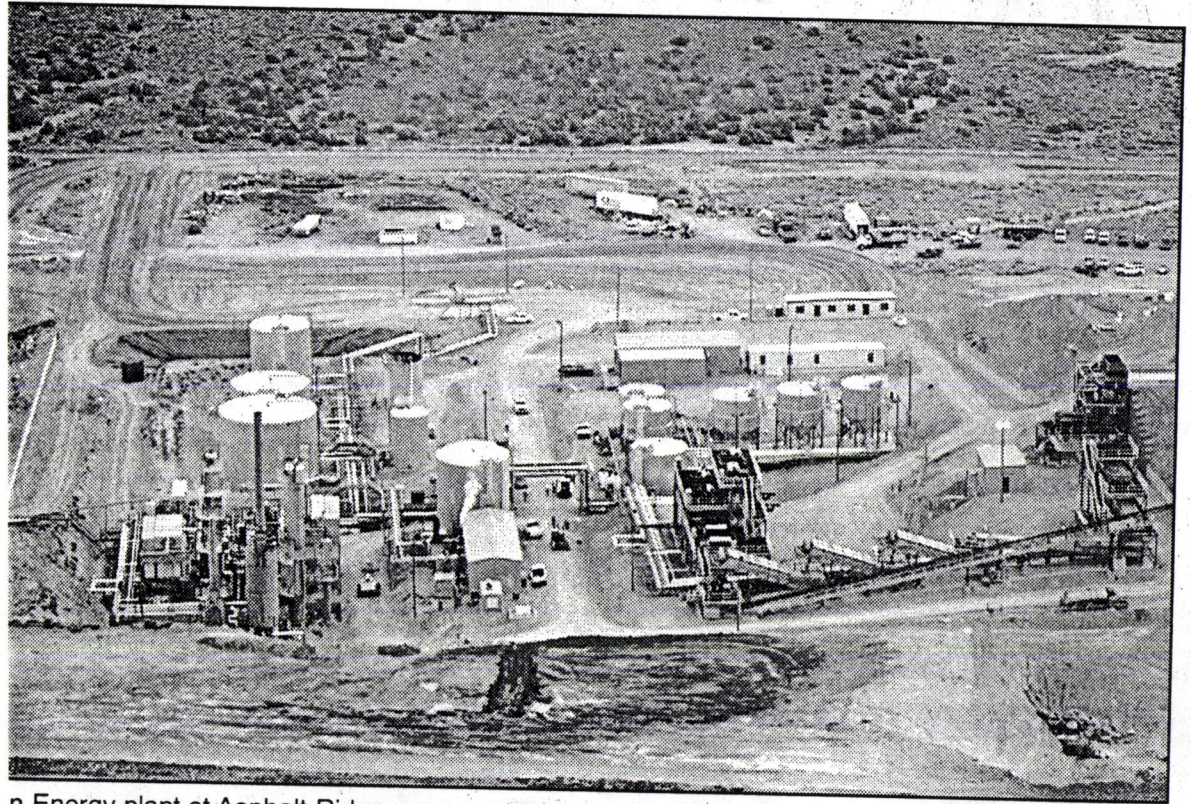
that both permits be updated and amended to address concurrent mine development and reclamation responsibilities," stated D. Wayne Hedberg, permit supervisor.

The Aug. 20 notice letter to County Commissioners sparked an inquiry into Uintah County's mining permit on Asphalt Ridge. Should the permit be relinquished, the county could be forced to pay five times what it currently does for road black top.

Currently Uintah County is in negotiations with Crown to develop one consolidated mining and reclamation plan for the mine site. If the consolidated plan cannot be reached, then independent plans will need to be developed clearly describing how the tar sands deposit will be mined and how the surface disturbances will be reclaimed.

A review by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has determined that both Uintah County and Crown Asphalt Corporation have permits to mine asphalt, but the two permits overlap. "Because of the overlap in areas proposed to be mined by both operators, the Division will require

"Originally it was the Division's understanding that activation of in-pit mining operations by Crown would phase out tar sands operation by Uintah County," stated Hedberg.



Energy plant at Asphalt Ridge prepares to produce its first batch of product this month.

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